

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device comprising:

a first hollow body with an end and a side wall;

gas generants filled densely in the first hollow body;

an electric ignitor formed by housing igniting agents in a second hollow body with a ~~bottom and sides~~ an end and a side wall, and closing the second hollow body with a plug; and

a holder positioning the second hollow body in a center of the first hollow body and fixed to the first hollow body while holding the plug of the electric ignitor, wherein

a ratio of an empty volume to a volume defined by an inner surface of the first hollow body, an outer surface of the second hollow body, and the holder is less than 20%,

a part of a volume is filled with a spacer inserted between the outer surface of the second hollow body and the inner surface of the first hollow body, and

said spacer is made of a gas generant composition.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are powdery or granulated, and filled in a compressed state.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are compressed in the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 7, wherein the gas generants are compressed in the first hollow body so that a concavity in which the second hollow body is inserted is formed.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein the gas generants are substantially incompressible, and a part of the ~~full~~ volume is filled with a spacer inserted between the outer surface of the second hollow body and the inner surface of the first hollow body.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 6, wherein said volume ratio is ~~preferably~~ less than 15%.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The gas generator for actuating a vehicle occupant restraint device according to claim 15, wherein said volume ratio is ~~most preferably~~ less than 10%.